# Exhibit B

### Affidavit of Sudeepto Datta

- 1. My name is Sudeepto (Killick) Datta.
- 2. I am more than 18 years of age and competent to testify on the matters set forth herein.
- 3. Except were otherwise specified, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this affidavit. To the best of my knowledge, the facts stated herein are true and correct.
- 4. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Titan Apparel, Inc. ("Titan") and Global Brand Marketing, Inc. ("GBMI").
- 5. From the late 1990s until the end of 2007, GBMI designed, developed, marketed and distributed Diesel-brand shoes in the United States. During that period, I developed a close relationship with many Diesel employees and officers and became familiar with the operations of the Diesel family of companies.
- 6. Throughout my relationship with Diesel, the relationship between "Diesel Props," "Diesel SpA" and "Diesel Kid" was never meaningful. We always looked at Diesel as a single company.
- 7. Throughout my relationship with Diesel, it was my understanding all major decisions affecting the Diesel companies and the Diesel brand were made by officers of Diesel SpA, including Renzo Rosso and Marina Tosin. I often worked directly with Diesel SpA officers, some of whom visited GBMI in Santa Barbara. Diesel SpA officers were always closely involved with GBMI's work on the Diesel brand.
- 8. For example, when Diesel wanted to discuss performance under the Distribution Agreement with GBMI in March 2007, personnel from Diesel <u>SpA</u> were sent to visit GBMI even though the actual contractual relationship was with Diesel Props and Diesel Kid.
- 9. Luigi Mezzasoma was the Diesel employee that I dealt with most frequently. His immediate superior was Marina Tosin, an officer of Diesel SpA. It is my understanding Mr. Mezzasoma needed her approval on all major decisions, and she had the power to override any decision made by him.



Mr. Mezzasoma told me that Diesel's decision to terminate the relationship with 10. GBMI and file this lawsuit was made by officers of Diesel SpA, including Ms. Tosin.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this //// day of February, 2008,

Sudeepto (Killick) Datta

# Exhibit C

### GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC

Camegie Hall Tower L52 West 57th Street, 60th Ploor New York, New York 10019

November 30, 2006

Mrk. Marina Tosin Managing Director Diesel S.p.A. Via dell'Industria n. 7 Molvena (Vicenza) Italy

Dear Mrs. Tosin:

Notice is hereby given that Greystone Business Credit II LLC ("Greystone") intends to enter into various agreements, instruments and documents (as such agreements, instruments and documents may be amended, modified, restated, otherwise modified, superseded or replaced from time to time, the "Financing Agreements") to make certain financing accommodations for the benefit of Global Brand Marketing, Inc., a California corporation (the "Company"), subject to the completion of certain conditions precedent. It is a condition to the entry into the Pinancing Agreements by Greystone that this letter agreement is executed by you and returned to Greystone at the address above.

By your signature below, you hereby consent to the Company's entrance into the Pinancing Agreements and hereby solmowindge and agree that until all of the obligations or liabilities owing to Greystone under the Pinancing Agreements have been paid in full and the Pinancing Agreements have been terminated, you shall not: (1) create, assert or possess any security interests, lines, retentions of title or similar rights on the assert of the Company (the "Collateral"), (2) self, assign, transfer, pledge or give a security interest in any of the Collateral or (3) hinder or otherwise interfers with Greystone's rights and remedies under the Pinancing Agreements, including the liquidation of the Collateral by Greystone or its agents after a default under the Financing Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this letter agreement shall relieve the Company of its obligations under any agreement it has with you or otherwise prevent you from necessiving regular payments under any agreements. By signature below, you hereby represent and warrant that you possess no security interests, liens, premions of title or similar rights with respect to the Collateral.

In the event that the Financing Agreements are entered into by the Company and Greystone on or prior to December 6, 2006, this letter agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of the closing of the Financing Agreements. In the event that the Financing Agreements are not entered into by the Company and Greystone on or prior to December 5, 2006, this letter agreement shall terminate and have no further force or effect as of such date.

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Signer

Please acknowledge your agreement to be bound by the foregoing by signing this letter and delivering it to Greystone at the address above.

GRHYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC

Accepted and Agreed as of this Agreed as Of

DIESEL S.p.A.

Signature Page to Electron Letter

# Exhibit D

### GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT IT LLC Carpocia Hall Tower 152 West 57th Street, 60th Floor New York, New York 10019

December 1, 2006

Mr. Germano Perraro Managing Director DIESEL KID S.r.L Vin Posse 14 Marostica 36063 Vicenza, Italy

Dear Mr. Ferrarot

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Please acknowledge your agreement to be bound by the foregoing by signing this letter and delivering it to Greyzione at the address above.

Sincerely,

GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC

Accepted and Agreed as of this 4th day of December 2006;

DIESEL KID S.r.L.

# Exhibit E

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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DIESEL PROPS S.R.L. and DIESEL KID S.R.L.,

Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants,

Civil Action No. 1:07 CV 9580 (HB)

against

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL P. SHAPIRO

GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC and GLOBAL BRAND MARKETING INC.,

Defendants/Counterplaintiffs

-against-

DIESEL S.p.A.

Third-Party Defendant.

I, Daniel P. Shapiro, under oath state the following:

- I am a partner in the law firm of Goldberg, Kohn in Chicago, Illinois. I am lead litigation counsel in this case for the defendant Greystone Business Credit II L.L.C. ("Greystone").
- 2. Beginning on October 26, 2007 before Judge Rakoff, and through November 1, 2007 before this Court, on multiple occasions the plaintiffs in this action sought to obtain emergency injunctive relief to restrain Greystone from liquidating approximately 158,000 pairs of Diesel brand shoes that were Greystone's collateral for its loan to the defendant Global Brand Marketing, Inc. ("Global"). The plaintiffs sought to have the defendants restrained from "seizing, liening, transferring, selling, effecting, taking any action with respect to, distributing, or otherwise disturbing or asserting control over" this collateral.

The plaintiffs failed to obtain this relief and the defendants were permitted to sell these goods in the ordinary course of their business relationships.

3. Following this Court's ruling on November 1, 2007, counsel for the plaintiffs, Ira Sacks, contacted me by telephone regarding the preliminary injunction hearing that this Court had scheduled for November 19, 2007. We had several telephone conversations on this subject. It is my clear recollection of those conversations that because the plaintiffs had not obtained the relief that they had been seeking there was no reason, in Mr. Sacks' view, to proceed with the scheduled preliminary injunction hearing if most of the collateral was going to have been sold by the defendants by that time. If that was going to be the case, Mr. Sacks expressed his interest in withdrawing the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction in advance of the scheduled hearing date. Mr. Sacks asked if I could ascertain whether the defendants expected most of the shoes would be sold by November 19, 2007. Without revealing the specifics of privileged communications between client and counsel, I ascertained and reported to Mr. Sacks that the defendants expected that most of the shoes would be sold before November 19, 2007. Mr. Sacks' letter to the Court of November 8, 2007 accurately summarizes our conversations:

In light of the ability of defendants to sell Warehouse Product during the time period prior to the scheduled preliminary injunction hearing, and the likelihood that most of the product will have been sold by the time of the preliminary injunction hearing, plaintiffs hereby withdraw their motion for preliminary injunction.

### Exhibit A.

- 4. Mr. Sacks' November 8, 2007 letter and my own recollection of our conversations are the same. I was providing Mr. Sacks with an estimation of what was likely. Mr. Sacks never requested an affidavit, supporting documentation or any other detail. This was an informal communication and it was, as far as I was able to determine then, and as best as I know now, an accurate statement of the facts at the time. Ultimately, the sales that were expected fell through. See Aff. of Scott Home, which is Ex. G. I did not learn of that fact until Mr. Sacks raised these issues again with me several weeks ago, in early February 2008.
- 5. In late November 2007, I learned that I would have to take an unexpected medical leave of about one month to have spinal fusion surgery. I advised Mr. Sacks that I would be on this short medical leave, and my litigation partner, David Chizewer, stepped in to cover in my absence.
- 6. I have spoken to Mr. Chizewer about his correspondence with Mr. Sacks. In late November 2007, the defendants planned to conduct a private sale of the collateral, as provided under the UCC. While no notice to the plaintiffs of that sale was required under the UCC, to avoid any unnecessary surprise or feeling of ill will in a circumstance where there was already litigation pending (the plaintiffs continuing damages actions and, eventually, the counterclaims), Mr. Chizewer sent Mr. Sacks an e-mail on November 30, 2007 advising of the sale and of his belief that the sale would not include any Diesel inventory. Again, without disclosing specific attorney-client communications, this was an accurate statement at that time of what was anticipated. Mr. Chizewer's e-mail also says that "if we intend to include the Diesel branded inventory in the private sale, we will

give you advance notice...." Mr. Chizewer did not learn that there were, in fact, Diesel shoes included in the private sale, which took place on December 14, 2007, until after Mr. Sacks raised this issue with me during the first week of February. Not advising Mr. Sacks that Diesel inventory was, ultimately, included in the private sale was neither deliberate nor knowing. As far as I have been able to determine, it was expected that all of the Diesel shoes would be sold. When that sale fell through, that fact did not come to Mr. Chizewer's attention.

7. I swear under penalties as provided by law that the statements set forth in this instrument are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further certify that statements setting forth a lack of knowledge as to certain matters are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Daniel P. Shapiro

Exhibit F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
DIESEL PROPS S.R.L. and

Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants,

Civil Action No. 1:07 CV 9580 (HB)

against

DIESEL KID S.R.L.,

AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID J. CHIZEWER

GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC and GLOBAL BRAND MARKETING INC.,

Defendants/Counterplaintiffs

-against-

DIESEL S.p.A.

Third-Party Defendant.

- I. David J. Chizewer, under oath state the following:
- 1. I am a partner in the law firm of Goldberg, Kohn in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2. For a brief period in late November and early December 2007, I became involved in the above-captioned case while my partner, Dan Shapiro, was on medical leave.
- 3. I understand that a dispute has developed regarding, in part, correspondence between myself and Ira Sacks, counsel for the plaintiffs.
- 4. I have discussed that correspondence and other related issues with Mr. Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro's affidavit, which I have reviewed, accurately describes the events in which I was involved.
- 5. I swear under penalties as provided by law that the statements set forth in this instrument are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

David J. Chizewer

Exhibit G

### **Affidavit of Scott Home**

- 1. My name is Scott Home.
- 2. I am more than 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters described herein.
- 3. Except where otherwise specified, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit.
- 4. I am the Executive Vice-President of Sales for Titan Apparel, Inc. ("Titan"). I held the same position for Global Brand Marketing, Inc. ("GBMI") from late Spring 2007 until December 2007.
- 5. As Executive Vice-President of Sales for both GBMI and Titan, I worked to sell Diesel-brand shoes, among others, to customers throughout the United States.
- 6. As of early November, I expected that all or virtually all of the Diesel shoes in GBMI's inventory would be sold by mid-December. My expectations were based upon my experience in this industry and my specific knowledge of the market for Diesel footwear.
- 7. Our efforts to sell Diesel shoes were hindered by Diesel's actions in the marketplace. I have been told that Diesel contacted many of our accounts and informed them that orders would be filled directly by Diesel, rather than through GBMI. It is my understanding that Diesel asked certain of our customers to cancel their orders with GBMI and place them with Diesel instead. In addition, it is my understanding that Diesel hired two former GBMI sales employees and contacted other former GBMI employees.
- 8. We also faced challenges because of Diesel's late deliveries of shoes to GBMI for the Fall/Winter 2007 and earlier seasons. It became difficult, and in some cases impossible, to convince customers that any shoes they ordered would be delivered on time.
- 9. Despite these obstacles, I managed to reach a verbal agreement with a customer, Ross, for the sale of virtually all of the Diesel shoes in our inventory. We expected to complete the sale and ship the shoes in early December 2007.
- 10. At around the same time of the verbal agreement with Ross, we received an offer from another customer, GenEx, for a large number of the same Diesel shoes that we were prepared to sell to Ross. We decided to pursue the Ross deal instead of the GenEx deal because Ross offered a higher price and because Ross is listed as an approved customer in the Distribution Agreement between GBMI and Diesel.

- 11. The sale to Ross ultimately fell through, so I had to work to find another buyer for the Diesel shoes. I continued to face substantial challenges in the market but ultimately located buyers for all of the Diesel inventory.
- 12. There is an order in place for the remaining approximately 100,500 unsold pairs of Diesel shoes in our inventory. I am highly concerned that the delay in filling that order will result in us losing it altogether. The prospective buyer of the shoes expected to be able to market the Diesel shoes at fashion shows occurring this week and next. The delay means that the buyer is losing these marketing opportunities, thus increasing the likelihood that the buyer will cancel the order from Titan altogether. If the sale is not completed by the end of the week, I expect the buyer to cancel the order.
- 13. If we lose the order, it will be difficult to find another buyer. Even if we are able to find another buyer, we almost certainly will not be able sell the shoes at the same price because the inventory especially the Fall/Winter 2007 Seasons shoes continue to age.
- There is nothing unusual about selling Fall/Winter Season inventory to discount stores and other after-market companies in February of the following year. By February, it is far too late to sell the inventory to major department stores and retail chains. Discount stores and after-market companies are usually the only options.
- 15. At the present time, the U.S. market for Diesel shoes is terrible. Diesel is not seen as reliable on deliveries, and their designs are not popular, either. At a department store like Nordstrom's, in the past you would find one or two tables full of Diesel footwear for sale, whereas today it would be difficult to find many Diesel shoes in those stores at all.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 11th day of February, 2008,

Scott Home

# Exhibit H

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DIESEL PROPS S.R.L. and DIESEL KID S.R.L.,

Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants,

Civil Action No. 1:07 CV 9580 (HB)

against

VERIFICATION OF **GUY SMITH** 

GREYSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT II LLC and GLOBAL BRAND MARKETING INC.,

Defendants/Counterplaintiffs

-against-

DIESEL S.p.A.

Third-Party Defendant.

- I, Guy Smith, under oath state the following:
- I am more than 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the 1. matters set forth in this affidavit.
- I am Eastern Regional Director, New Business, at Greystone Business Credit  $\Pi$  L.L.C. I have held that position at all times relevant to this affidavit.
- I was heavily involved in the negotiation of the lending arrangement 2. between Greystone and Global Brand Marketing, Inc., which closed on or about December 4, 2006.
- It was my understanding and belief at the time that Greystone made the 3. loan to GBMI that Greystone's rights and obligations regarding collateral for that loan were defined and governed entirely by the loan documents between the parties and the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. That has always been my understanding, and is my

understanding today. Neither I nor, to my knowledge, anyone else at Greystone ever agreed or would have agreed to have the law of Italy or any other foreign jurisdiction apply to Greystone's rights and obligations.

- 4. I am aware that the Diesel parties to this litigation are arguing that certain choice-of-law and "retention-of-title" provisions in Distribution Agreements between them and GBMI should be applied to the disadvantage of Greystone. It was never my understanding or belief that any aspect of these Distribution Agreements, or any other agreement between any Diesel entity and GBMI, would bind or affect Greystone's interests in any manner that would be inconsistent with the loan documents between Greystone and GBMI. Neither I, nor anyone at Greystone to my knowledge, ever agreed, or would have agreed, to that result. In fact, Greystone deliberately put the Diesel entities on notice, through the Non-Interference Agreements signed by Diesel S.p.A. and Diesel Kids S.R.L., that Greystone's rights in its collateral were superior to whatever rights in that property Diesel might have.
- 5. Attached to this affidavit is a copy of an "Official Diesel Release" dated October 30, 2007. I received it by email and believe that it originated from Diesel.
- 6. I swear under penalties as provided by law that the statements set forth in this instrument are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Guy Smith

Exhibit H(1)

----Original Message----

From: Abel, Katie

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 12:06 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Atmore, Michael

Subject: Official Diesel Release

A FOOTNOTE IN DIESEL HISTORY

Diesel's international footwear distribution to become entirely controlled by the  $\operatorname{Group}$ 

Diesel Props SRL, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Diesel Group and worldwide licensee for the production and distribution of men's and women's footwear, and Diesel Kid SRL, a controlled company of the Diesel Group and worldwide licensee of children's footwear, both bearing the "Diesel" trademark, have terminated for cause their agreement with Global Brand Marketing Inc (GBMI) for the exclusive distribution of Diesel footwear in the United States, in alignment with the decision to directly distribute this product category as in the major countries of the world. Diesel footwear (men's, women's and children's) US distribution will be integrated into the Diesel US subsidiary, which is directly owned by the Diesel Group.

The aim of this reorganization is to strategically develop Diesel's footwear business further, consolidating and leveraging its product positioning and image worldwide.

The fall/winter 2008 men's, women's and children's footwear sales campaign will begin on December 4th, 2007 at the Diesel US head offices (located at 770 Lexington Avenue, 9th floor, New York, NY) and it will then continue in all major countries worldwide.

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For further information please contact: Erin Hawker Diesel at 212.929.8412, extension 236, erin\_hawker@diesel.com Patrick Jones at 212.929.8412, extension 235, patrick\_jones@diesel.com

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Erin Hawker Head of Press and Publicity Diesel US Press Office 1 Union Square West Suite 208 New York NY 10003

212.929.8412, extension 236 212.675.7430 fax erin hawker@diesel.com

---- End of Forwarded Message

Exhibit I

From: Ira S. Sacks [mailto:isacks@dreierllp.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:39 AM

To: Shapiro, Dan

Cc: Locher, Stephen H.; gsilverstein@leaderberkon.com; Kohn, Richard

Subject: RE: Stip

I do not want to do this piecemeal, but we will not challenge the existence of the perfected security interest or the authenticity of the noninterference and tripartite agreements. Indeed, we have already submitted them in connection with the original application.

My best,

Ira

#### PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

----Original Message-----

From: Shapiro, Dan [mailto:Daniel.Shapiro@goldbergkohn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2008 11:34 AM

To: Ira S. Sacks

Cc: Locher, Stephen H.; gsilverstein@leaderberkon.com; Kohn, Richard

Subject: RE: Stip

Can I assume that you are not going to contest Greystone's perfected security interest? I understand that we have a disagreement on the law as to choice of law and the effect of that interest, which we have discussed extensively, but a part of what I would have to submit would be affidavits with regard to the existence of the perfected security interest itself. Same as to the authenticity of the non interference agreements and the tri partite agreements.

Daniel Shapiro | **GOLDBERG KOHN** | 55 East Monroe, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60603 | direct 312.201.3917 | direct fax 312.863.7417 | daniel.shapiro@goldbergkohn.com | www.goldbergkohn.com

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From: Ira S. Sacks [mailto:isacks@dreierllp.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:28 AM

To: Shapiro, Dan

Cc: Locher, Stephen H.; gsilverstein@leaderberkon.com

Subject: RE: Stip

OK. Thx.

My best,

Ira

#### PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

----Original Message-----

From: Shapiro, Dan [mailto:Daniel.Shapiro@goldbergkohn.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 8:59 AM

To: Ira S. Sacks

Cc: Locher, Stephen H.; gsilverstein@leaderberkon.com

Subject: RE: Stip

I will look at this and your e mail, but have a busy day and I may not get back to you on all of it until Monday. I will respond as quickly as I can.

Daniel Shapiro | **GOLDBERG KOHN** | 55 East Monroe, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60603 | direct 312.201.3917 | direct fax 312.863.7417 | daniel.shapiro@goldbergkohn.com | www.goldbergkohn.com

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From: Ira S. Sacks [mailto:isacks@dreierllp.com]

**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2008 5:13 AM

To: Shapiro, Dan

Cc: Locher, Stephen H.; gsilverstein@leaderberkon.com

Subject: Stip

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Here is a proposed stipulation of facts to avoid declarations by you, me and David.

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